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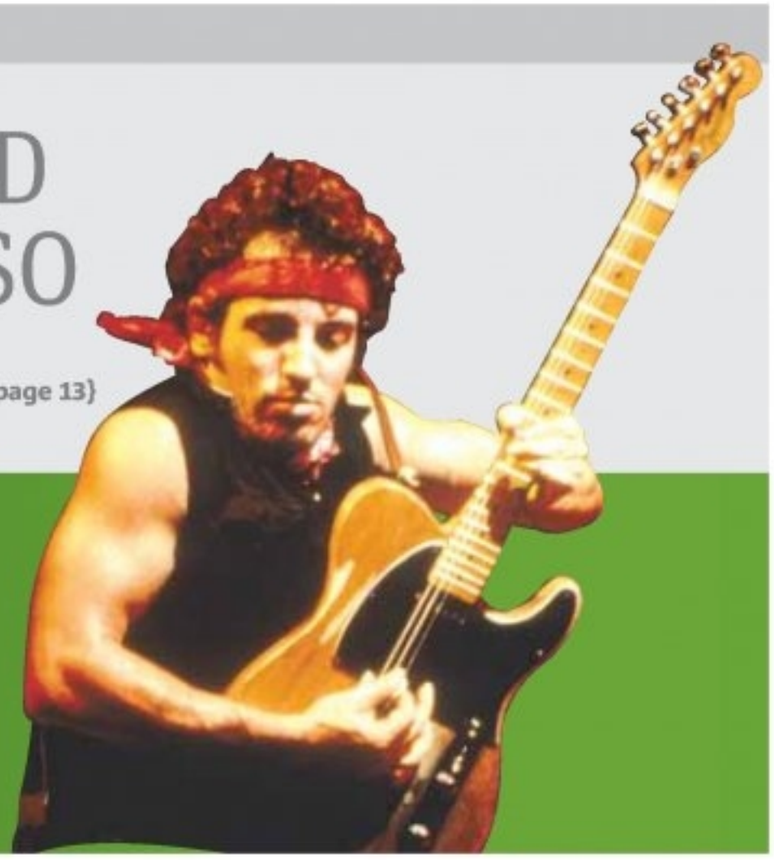

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Stop and smell ... the stench

▶ Franklin Park Zoo's 'corpse flower' has begun emitting its noxious odor of rotting flesh ▶ Rare bud expected to bloom any minute, releasing its fumes ▶ 'Morticia' blossoms once every 7 to 10 years {page 02}

▶ Meet Amorphophallus titanium, also known as 'Morticia' the corpse flower. Weighing in at 200 pounds and measuring nearly 5 feet tall, she will bloom for a mere 12 — but horrifyingly stinky — hours.

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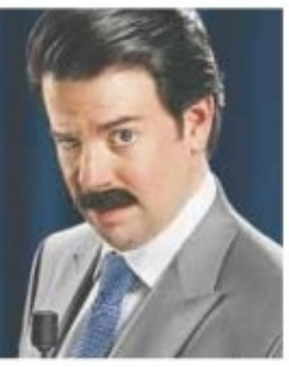

A corpse by any other name smells as sweet

Spectators have been on ice waiting for Morticia to bloom While it was expected to open last weekend, experts said now it's anybody's bet

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▶ As the flower prepared to bloom yesterday, its stomach-turning stench began to permeate the Franklin Park Zoo greenhouse.

Since Saturday, thousands of visitors have dropped by the greenhouse at the Franklin Park Zoo hoping to get a peek, and a whiff, of a corpse flower that experts predicted would bloom sometime over the weekend.

As of yesterday afternoon, the 200-pound flower, which staff has named Morticia, had still not opened, and the anticipation was really getting to Harry Liggett, the zoo's horticulture manager.

"I think they call it a corpse flower because the fool that watches it becomes a mindless zombie," Liggett said yesterday, after days in the hot, muggy greenhouse, where he fielded hundreds of questions from visitors who were eager to catch a glimpse of the bloom. "It's exhausting."

For many, the appeal of the rare flower, which stands at nearly 5 feet tall, is not so much in its beauty, but in its infamous stench.

Formally called Amorphophallus titanium, but also known as a titan arum, the corpse flower only blossoms once every seven to 10 years. According to Liggett, the flower is only open for about 12 hours.

"I'm dying of ennui."
HORTICULTURIST HARRY LIGGETT, ON A BREAK OUTSIDE THE CORPSE FLOWER'S GREENHOUSE AT THE FRANKLIN PARK ZOO

And when it is, it really clears the room.

"It is very intriguing, because you don't usually see a huge plant like this," said Benjamin Chow, who stopped by the zoo Sunday. "I was curious what the smell of rotting flesh would be like. Hey, I still feel like I want to see what it smells like. I guess curiosity gets the best of me."

Chow is one many who are not afraid to admit a common, albeit morbid, interest in the unusual scent.

"It would intrigue me, but we're not going to wait all night for it," said Daniel Amstutz, who also checked out the flower on Sunday.

People describe the aroma as being similar to rotting meat, hence, the charming nickname.

Yesterday, the flower's circumference grew two inches since Sunday, a sure indication that a bloom was imminent.

The odor began to sneak out as well.

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One happy, stinky family

BOSTON. Morticia is not the only corpse flower at the zoo; there are four more, all donated by an oral surgeon in Laconia, N.H.

Her brother, Fester, who stood at 5-foot-6, bloomed about two weeks ago. The other corpse flowers are smaller, and are known as Pugsly (also of the Addams Family), Vincent (as in Price) and Edgar (as in Poe).

Bloomings tend to happen in the evening, Liggett said.

"Fester bloomed [at], we're guessing, about 9 p.m. or 10 p.m. Security was the only witness. They said it smelled really awful," Liggett said.

The worst of the smell comes at its initial opening, before dissipating.

Liggett estimates there are about a dozen blooms worldwide every year. **METRO/MR**

Flower facts

The Franklin Park Zoo received a total of five corpse flowers on April 28.

- Native to Indonesia, they are very rare in the United States.
- Typically, each plant blooms only once every 7-10 years.
- The exact ages of the flowers are unknown.
- The flower will go back into dormancy after blooming, and then eventually it will send out a leaf.
- As of yesterday, Morticia was 57.5 inches tall with a 38-inch circumference. That's one and a half inches taller than Sunday morning, and it's two inches wider. "And a slight aroma was noticeable," zoo officials said.

In the news

No. 3

Jamaica Plain placed third on a recent report by real estate website Trulia, which ranked the nation's communities with the highest percentage of same-sex female couples. The report used census data to rank top communities with same-sex couples. Provincetown ranked in the Top 10 in both male and female same-sex couple and trails only the Castro in San Francisco and Palm Springs for households with same-sex male couples. METRO

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▶ The scene

Motorcyclist killed on Mass Ave.

BOSTON. A 20-year-old motorcyclist was killed on the Boston side of the Massachusetts Avenue bridge when he was struck by an SUV at 2:30 p.m. yesterday.

Police did not release the victim's identity, but said he was pronounced dead at the scene.

Police said the male driver of the SUV was being examined for emotional distress after the accident.

It was unclear as of press time whether speed was a factor or whether the victim was wearing a helmet. **METRO**

Goodnight at the Roxbury

BOSTON. The president of Roxbury Community College will step down after he met with the school's board of trustees, according to the Globe.

Terrence Gomes led the school for nine years.

He has come under fire from accusations of under-reporting crimes on campus, delaying distributing financial aid and rejecting a job training program. **METRO/GLOBE**

DOT: I-93 lane closure tonight

BOSTON. From 11 p.m. tonight until 5 a.m. tomorrow, a portion of I-93 Northbound will close for roadwork.

I-93 Northbound traffic will be detoured and traffic destined for Route 1 North should stay on surface streets and access its on-ramp in City Square.

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Senate ready to consider MBTA bailout legislation

The Senate yesterday received the MBTA bailout bill, which sends $51 million from the Motor Vehicle Inspection Trust Fund to the Massachusetts Transportation Trust Fund.

It is up for consideration this week and must be passed by June 30 for riders to avoid more fare hikes and service cuts.

Out of that $51 million, $2 million would be sent to regional transit authorities and $49 million to the MBTA, according to the State House News Service.

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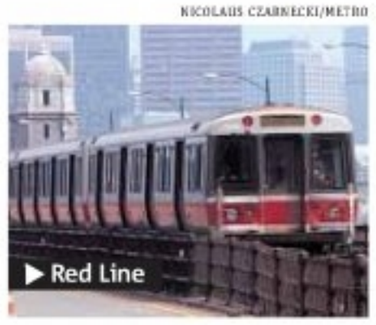

▶ Red Line

The bill would require a transfer of $1.5 million in surplus from MassDOT's snow and ice budget to regional transit authorities.

The bill would also increase fines for fare evasion to $75 for the first offense and $200 for the second, and would require MassDOT to estimate the cost of restoring weekend service on the Plymouth Commuter Rail line.

Another stipulation is that the MassDOT board would be required to create a long-term transportation financing plan.

The emergency funding package would bail out the MBTA, narrowing a projected deficit on its $1.8 billion budget for the next fiscal year, which starts on July 1.

In April, the MBTA Board voted to raise fares by 23 percent and cut some services.

The House passed the bailout bill last Wednesday on a vote of 130-to-25.

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Educators. The best

▶ Gov. Patrick congratulates the 2013 Teacher of the Year.

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A group of the state's top teachers was honored yesterday at the State House for the Massachusetts Teacher of the Year awards. Sharon High School French teacher Kathleen Mae Turner was celebrated as the state's 2013 Teacher of the Year. As the winner, Turner gets a $3,000 grant from Hannaford Supermarkets and is the state's candidate for National Teacher of the Year. METRO

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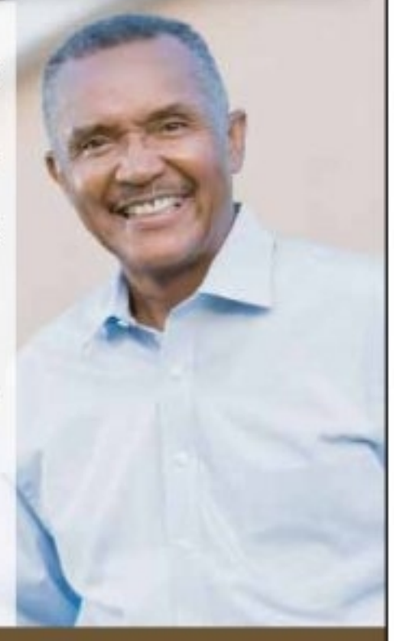

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‘Heart-wrenching’ day in court for parents of murdered NU student

The parents of a Northeastern student killed in her own Mission Hill apartment were finally able to see the man accused of shooting their daughter.

Cornell Smith, 30, is accused of gunning down 22-year-old Rebecca Payne in 2008 in a case of mistaken identity. He pleaded not guilty.

Payne’s parents, Nicholas and Virginia, watched Smith walk in and out of the Suffolk Superior courtroom for his arraignment yesterday. Payne’s mother and friend wept during the hearing.

After the hearing, both parents spoke to reporters with tears in their eyes and pictures of their daughter in their hands.

“He was strolling in there like he was standing in line for something,” said Nicholas Payne. “He showed no remorse ... like it was just another day.

“We know our daughter spent her last moments looking at him and having no clue what this idiot was doing in her apartment,” he said.

Virginia Payne said it was “heart-wrenching” to see the man who killed their daughter.

“Looking at that face, that’s the reason she’s not here, because of him,” she said.

Prosecutors said Smith, who is already serving 12 years in an out-of-state jail for an unrelated drug charge, became involved in a dispute and a fight over drugs with a woman before the shooting.

He “developed a disagreement with somebody who looked like, at least from quite a distance, Ms. Payne and who lived in the same building,” said Assistant District Attorney Ian Polumbaum.

Payne had returned from work at Legal Sea Foods the night of her murder. At about 3:30 a.m., Smith climbed the outdoor porch to her apartment, broke in and shot her multiple times, prosecutors said, adding that multiple neighbors heard the gunfire and Payne’s screams, but none called 911.

Smith’s attorney told the Globe that Smith was not the shooter and is himself a victim of mistaken identity.

Smith will remain in custody in Massachusetts while the case is pending.

▶ Smith

“She had no problems, no disagreements, no feuds with anyone that we know of.”
IAN POLUMBAUM, ASSISTANT DISTRICT ATTORNEY

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▶ Rebecca Payne’s parents console each other at the arraignment.

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Investigation hindered

The four-year investigation was hindered in part because of another man, prosecutors said.

Michael Balba, 55, of Billerica, was allegedly seeking to fuel his cocaine addiction when he drove Smith to Payne’s apartment. The murder occurred while Balba was getting high, prosecutors said.

Balba allegedly lied to investigators and a grand jury during the inquiry despite having immunity.

He pleaded not guilty earlier this year to four counts of perjury. **METRO/MN**

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Relieved Europe hints at more time for Greece

Euro zone paymaster Germany, relieved at a narrow election victory for Greece's pro-bailout parties, signaled yesterday that it may be willing to grant Athens more time to meet its fiscal targets to avert a catastrophic euro exit.

But financial markets' relief that the 17-nation European currency area had avoided plunging deeper into crisis was quickly overtaken by concern about unresolved problems in Greece, the lack of a comprehensive plan for the euro zone as a whole and weakness in the world economy. **REUTERS**

Mistress tells her side of John Edwards affair

Rielle Hunter, John Edwards' former mistress, writes in her new book that the two-time presidential candidate told her he had at least two previous affairs and also fabricated three other relationships so she would not become too attached, ABC News reported.

Hunter's book, "What Really Happened: John Edwards, Our Daughter, and Me," is set to be released on June 26. It follows Edwards' federal trial in North Carolina, which ended in May with an acquittal on one campaign finance charge and a mistrial on five others after the jury deadlocked.

The Justice Department announced last week that it would not re-try the former U.S. senator. **REUTERS**

Defense under way, trial rapidly winding down

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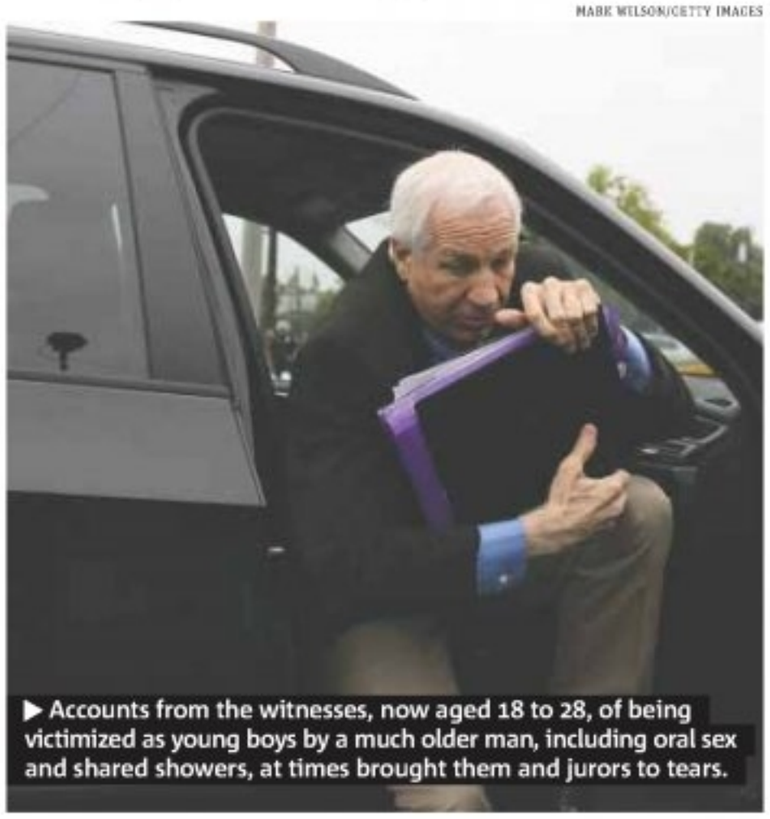

▶ Accounts from the witnesses, now aged 18 to 28, of being victimized as young boys by a much older man, including oral sex and shared showers, at times brought them and jurors to tears.

Lawyers for Jerry Sandusky kicked off their side of the high-profile sex abuse trial with testimony from two former assistant football coaches who told jurors it was not unusual for grown men to shower with boys in the Penn State locker rooms.

Richard Anderson, who served on the school's coaching staff over two different periods for more than 20 years before retiring at the end of last season, told the jury yesterday he had witnessed Sandusky in the Pennsylvania State University showers with children, but never saw anything inappropriate.

He testified that he, too, would shower with children.

Sandusky, 68, the former defensive coordinator for Pennsylvania State University's successful football program, faces more than 50 counts of abusing 10 boys over a 15-year period, allegations that focused U.S. national attention on the issue of child sexual abuse and rocked the college sports world.

Judge John Cleland said yesterday the jury would be sequestered during deliberations, and he expected closing arguments in the fast-paced trial to take place on Thursday.

Over several days of testimony, prosecutors sought to show Sandusky is a serial sexual predator who targeted boys through the Second Mile charity he founded in 1977 for underprivileged children. If convicted on all counts, Sandusky faces a sentence of more than 500 years in prison.

The case prompted the firing last year of the university's president, Graham Spanier, and head football coach Joe Paterno. **REUTERS**

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News in brief

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US expands fire probe to 1.4 million Toyota vehicles

WASHINGTON. Some 1.4 million Toyota Motor Corp. vehicles are being scrutinized more closely by U.S. safety regulators looking for possible increased fire risk, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration said yesterday.

The expanded probe includes the popular Camry sedan from model years 2007 to 2009.

The probe was upgraded to an engineering analysis from a preliminary investigation, which may lead to an eventual recall.

Fires have been reported at a high rate for Toyota models built from September 2006 to August 2008 that all have the same power window master switch design.

The expanded probe affects the 2007 to 2009 model year Camry, Camry Hybrid, RAV4 and Yaris vehicles, as well as 2008 Highlander Hybrid SUV. **REUTERS**

Falling house, stock prices erode household wealth

WASHINGTON. Households saw their wealth decline by more than a third between 2005 and 2010 as home values and share prices plummeted, leaving many with weak safety nets to weather a harsh economic environment.

The median household net worth dived 35 percent to $66,740 in the five-year period, the census bureau said in a report yesterday. However, making comparisons with prior periods is difficult because of inflation adjustment issues. **REUTERS**

Heat wave to hit East Coast: Temps in upper 90s on way

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▶ Tamara Powell, of Medford, cools off in the Frog Pond with her niece Aniya Scrubb during the summer of 2010.

A wave of heat pushing in from the Midwest will send temperatures above 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) from Boston to Atlanta beginning tomorrow.

New York may reach 97, 16 degrees above normal, on Thursday before temperatures start to fall back into the lower 80s and upper 70s, according to AccuWeather Inc. of State College, Pa. The temperature in Washington, D.C., is also expected to peak that day at 97, 11 above normal, and another streak in the 90s is expected in the capitol the following week.

90°+

Temperatures will be above 90 degrees Fahrenheit (32 Celsius) from Boston to Atlanta tomorrow.

"We expect a rapid rise in cooling demand to come from the surge in temperatures by midweek in the East," Bob Haas, weather operations manager for MDA EarthSat Weather, said in a statement from Gaithersburg, Md. "Though short-lived, this heat event is likely to surpass any so far this season."

High temperatures may remain in the 90s in Richmond, Va., and Charlotte, N.C., into the first week of July, according to AccuWeather. Richmond may have a high of 99 on June 30.

AccuWeather said high pressure will build across the Great Lakes today, sending temperatures into the 90s from Milwaukee, Wis., to Louisville, Ky., then will shift to the east the following day. **BLOOMBERG**

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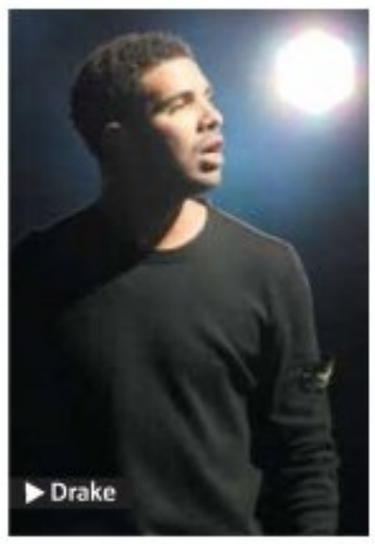
Drake, Chris Brown fight far from over

What seemed to be a relatively minor bar fight between **Chris Brown** and **Drake** last week is still far from over.

The Manhattan night club where the incident took place, W.i.P., has been closed down due to multiple code violations, according to the Associated Press.

As for the fight itself, a source tells the Associated Press that the two hip-hop stars weren't even involved in the bottle-throwing brawl, claiming it was "entourage versus entourage, never Drake versus Chris," shooting down the theory that the two were fighting over **Rihanna**.



▶ Drake

▶ Meek Mill

Rapper **Meek Mill** — who was at the club with Drake, and was initially identified as an instigator — also says the stars weren't involved. "Chris and Drake, them two was there, but it's other people that be around that take s— to the next level," he tells MTV.com. "I seen girls in there throwing bottles. I never seen Chris Brown or Drake throw a bottle."

While Brown has already talked to cops, Drake has declined to answer questions. "Why would he turn himself in when he did not commit any wrongdoing?" his rep told the New York Post in a statement on Sunday.

The only thing more annoying than a hip-hop fight is a never-ending non-hip-hop fight between "entourages" and publicists. This thing is one airborne bottle of Skinnygirl Margaritas away from being a "Real Housewives" episode.

Can't nobody hold Lohan down

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▶ Lohan, on set for her new film.

Although she was treated for exhaustion and dehydration last week, **Lindsay Lohan** was back to partying on Saturday at the Chateau Marmont, according to Us Weekly. "For someone so exhausted, it was shocking to see her out past 1 a.m.," a source says, adding that she stayed until the hotel's restaurant cleared out for the night.

Paramedics were called to the actress' hotel room on Friday, but she's maintaining a sense of humor about it. "Note to self…after working 85hours in 4days, and being up all night shooting, be very aware that you might pass out from exhaustion + 7 paramedics MIGHT show up @ your door…Hopefully theyre cute. Otherwise it would be a real let down," she tweeted.

Linds, we like your style. But next time, just pull the fire alarm — way cuter, and they carry axes.

Charlie Sheen to retire

After his new show "Anger Management" wraps, **Charlie Sheen** plans to retire from acting. "I've been doing this 30 years. And there's a lot more out there to do than make-believe, you know?" the former "Two and a Half Men" star tells the New York Times. "I mean, I'm grateful. I've got a dream life as a direct result of television, you know? But at some point you just get tired of wearing somebody else's clothes, saying somebody else's words and working in somebody else's space."

Charlie, this whole wearing clothes you don't like and saying things you don't mean thing? It's called work. We're all tired of it. And very few of us are lucky enough to afford the drugs to escape it.

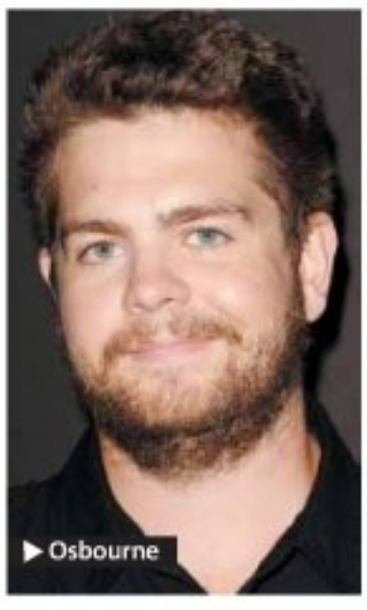
Talking points

Gomez a no-go for 'Fifty Shades of Grey'

Selena Gomez's popular "Fifty Shades of Grey" spoof made for humor site Funny or Die is about as close as the former Disney star is going to get to the racy, mega-popular material, according to MTV News. "I know I'm taking risks, but I don't think I could do that," Gomez says when asked about starring in the planned movie version of the book. "That would be a little too much for me."

Woody Allen has Lohan's back

Despite her ongoing troubles, **Lindsay Lohan** at least has a friend in **Woody Allen**, with whom she was spotted having a dinner meeting in New York last month. "I wouldn't hesitate to use her in a movie, because she's a very talented girl," Allen tells Access Hollywood. "If there was some legal reason I couldn't [cast her], that would be a different story, but it would not concern me personally, no. I think that she'd be just fine and she'd do a great job."



▶ Osbourne

Jack Osbourne diagnosed with MS

Jack Osbourne has been diagnosed with multiple sclerosis, he confirms to People magazine. "I was just angry and frustrated and kept thinking, 'Why now?'" says Osbourne, who welcomed his first child this spring. "I've got a family, and that's what's supposed to be the most important thing." There's no word yet on how serious Osbourne's condition is.

Middleton: William spoils me

Kate Middleton is usually pretty tight-lipped about life married to **Prince William**, but she did open up to a group of inner-city youth during a visit to their outdoor learning center, according to Us Weekly. "William is very sweet and kind of spoils me," Middleton told one of the children. Of course, seeing Middleton working so well with children begs the question of when she and William will start a family of their own, and royal sources say sooner rather than later. "There's a window in place," a source says, explaining that the couple is hoping to get pregnant between September and next summer. "The pregnancy will be announced. It won't be hidden."

The feed …

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Neil Patrick Harris is getting older, Bette Midler is in mourning, John Stamos is a man after our heart and Albert Brooks knows he'll never see that money again.

@ActuallyNPH: Thanks so much for all of my B'day tweets! I had a spectacular day in Montreal w/ the delicious @DavidBurtka. I'm liking this 39 stuff!

@BetteMidler: Assassins! Something has murdered two of my chickens, Khloe and Kourtney! It gnawed thru the chicken wire and pounced…poor dears. RIP.

@JohnStamos: my heart is drenched in wine- yet, somehow I still remain clueless.

@AlbertBrooks: I worry about Lindsay Lohan. And not just because I loaned her $1100.

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To do: Stay awesome

1. No, **Tupac**'s not alive (officially, at least): His wax figure debuted at Madame Tussauds in Hollywood over the weekend.

2. When it comes to the ladies, **Justin Bieber** is wise beyond his 18 years: The singer toted his adorable little brother, **Jaxon**, to the MuchMusic Video Awards in Toronto on Sunday.

3. Now this is an unlikely duo: The **Dalai Lama** and **Russell Brand** were joking around at a conference in Manchester on Saturday.

4. "Modern Family" star **Rico Rodriguez** had some simple life advice on the MuchMusic red carpet.

5. Katy Perry let her colors burst during a performance at the MuchMusic Video Awards.

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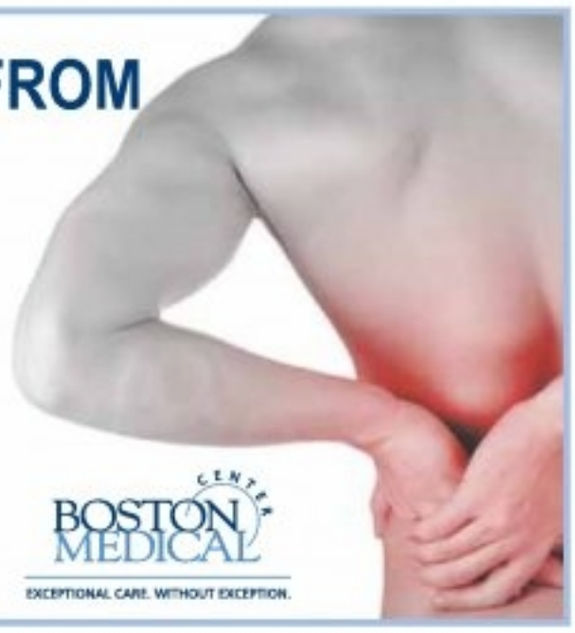

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Parenting notes

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Melanoma isn't just for grown-ups. Children can get it too; about 500 in the U.S. are diagnosed every year. Kids with dark skin, especially those of Hispanic descent, are at extra risk. Dr. Dennis Hughes, an oncologist at MD Anderson Children's Cancer Hospital in Texas, says that childhood melanoma may not present itself the way adult melanoma does — in more than half of the cases, the dangerous spot looks like a wart and has no pigment. What else to watch for: spots that grow slowly over time, are larger than the size of a pencil eraser and itch, bleed or have an irregular surface.

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Hit the great outdoors

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Expert advice

Window warning

Each year, almost 5,200 children are taken to the hospital for injuries from window-related falls, according to a recent study from the Center for Injury Research and Policy at Nationwide Children's Hospital, in Columbus, Ohio. Take these simple precautions to keep your child safe.

Don't rely on screens. Invest in window stops (which prevent a window from opening) and guards (which look like railings). They're hard for children to unlock, says Parents advisor Gary A. Smith, M.D., Dr.P.H., senior author of the study and president of the Child Injury Prevention Alliance.

Move furniture and beds away from windows. Children are likely to climb up to get a better view outside, increasing the chance of a fall.

Choose safe window treatments. Not only can window cords pose a strangulation risk during a fall, but they can also be a strangulation hazard if kids are playing near them indoors. It's best to use cordless window shades instead.

Soften the landing. Planting shrubbery or bushes below windows can help cushion the impact in case of a fall.

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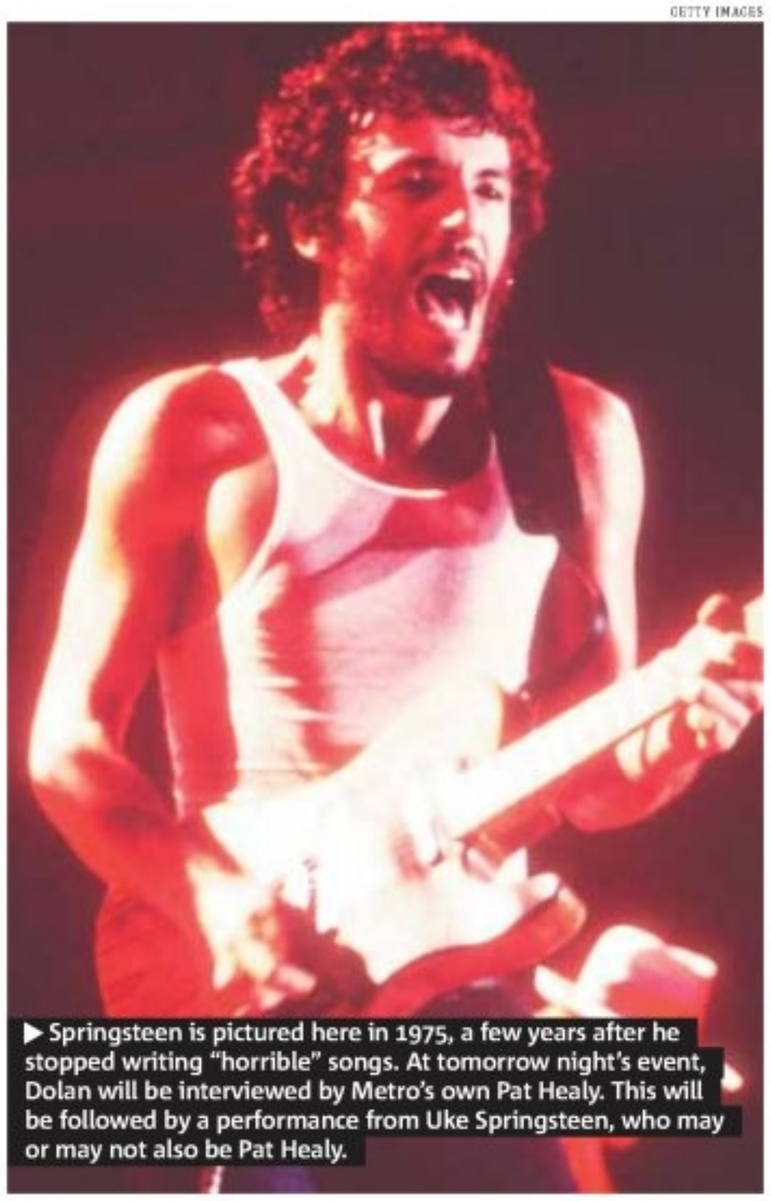

▶ Springsteen is pictured here in 1975, a few years after he stopped writing "horrible" songs. At tomorrow night's event, Dolan will be interviewed by Metro's own Pat Healy. This will be followed by a performance from Uke Springsteen, who may or may not also be Pat Healy.

Boss biographer Marc Dolan on covering a subject who is always changing
'Promise of Rock 'N' Roll' explores Springsteen as artist/political figure

Marc Dolan doesn't concern himself too much with the dirty details of Bruce Springsteen's private life. The author instead takes an unusually scholarly approach to the Boss in his new book, "Bruce Springsteen and the Promise of Rock 'N' Roll" (W.W. Norton and Company).

Dolan, a professor at John Jay College and the City University of New York, listened to more than 100 full concerts for clues to piece together the 50-year artistic and political evolution of his subject — but finishing it proved a little difficult.

"I started the book before the last two chapters happened, which, looking back, is an insane leap of faith," says Dolan. "As I was working on the drafts, the ending became a moving target."

His subject is anything but static. In the span of three years, the singer jumped from "Devils & Dust," a dark solo album, to "We Shall Overcome: The Seeger Sessions," a rollicking folk album, to "Magic" a rock album that brought back his E Street Band. Though he spent seven years on this book, with the amount of recent Boss activity, Dolan never seemed to have his "sick of sitting here trying to write this book" moment. In the past year, not only did E Street legend Clarence Clemons pass away, but Springsteen also announced his new "Wrecking Ball" album.

"The Onion, before the new album was announced, did a parody thing about how Springsteen was coming out with a science-fiction album about workers on Mars and how they've been marginalized. I posted on Facebook that, 'A) This is very funny B) For a split second I thought I had to re-write the last chapter.'"

▶ Dolan

Dolan says the book wasn't exactly an easy sell for publishers, when they learned that he would be exploring Springsteen's place in American culture, and not salacious rumors.

"I had to convince the sales staff at the press," says Dolan. "When I was writing it up, I said, [it's really] a love story between an artist and his audience. Part 1: Artist meets audience. Part 2: Artist and audience have some good times together. Part 3: Artist and audience break up, seemingly over politics, but actually over communication, which is the problem with any relationship. Part 4: They come back together with a renewed understanding of how they relate to each other."

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The Boss ain't perfect

Throughout the nearly 500 pages of his book, Dolan treats his subject with respect, but the author isn't overly gentle.

"There was that astonishing moment from the winter of 1971, where he really went from being a horrible songwriter to being a brilliant songwriter in the space of three months," says Dolan, bemoaning the fact that he wasn't legally allowed to quote some of these hilariously bad lyrics. To see one that he would have really liked to include in the book, visit us at www.metro.us.

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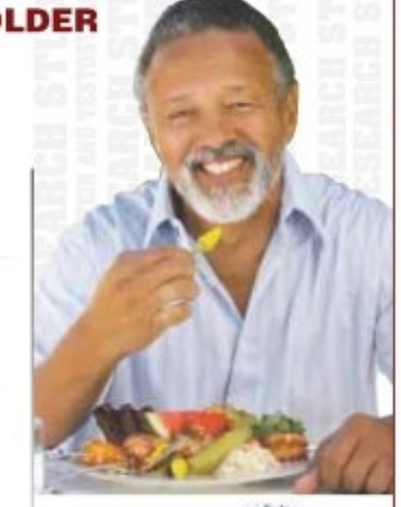

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America, where has our freedom gone?

As a Yahoo mail user for more than a decade, I'm appalled that Yahoo censors me from commenting on its news items. I thought this was a democracy with free speech? Why does Yahoo limit news article comment regions to those with Neo-Con Hawkish comments who stir up hatred for Muslims and bar 9/11 truth commenters from its pages? Is this China now? **CHARLES MICHAEL COUCH, VIA E-MAIL**

Is anyone else appalled at the idea of a "First Amendment designated area" for protesters? It implies that free speech doesn't exist unless those in power give special permission. Can you imagine what the original patriots would have thought of this? Those patriots opposed the established government of their day, and public sentiment was not solidly in their favor, yet they spoke and acted nonetheless. Remember that the next time you feel like calling protesters unpatriotic. **TONY PARKES, BILLERICA**

Both sides of the immigration divide

RE: "ON IMMIGRATION: OBAMA GOES TOO FAR": In the sense of granting the children of illegals, who had no say in where they were to be, a reprieve from deportation, President Obama showed some sympathy for those within a nation who have many jumping at the bit to toss them over the fence. They are and were not to blame for their predicament. The vitriol lobbed at him for not caring for his own people is also interesting, as many of these folks are the same who want less government involvement with their lives to begin with or would scrap social programs at the drop of a hat. In this move, he is offering these children a lifetime opportunity to actually give back and perhaps make up for the moves their parents made. **COLIN MINICH, VIA E-MAIL**

I would be interested in hearing alternatives from those who are opposed to giving young illegal immigrants amnesty. **GLORIA CHALVET, VIA E-MAIL**

President Obama has chosen to make his own laws on immigration. In this case, he has chosen to allow younger immigrants to stay and get jobs because he says this is the right thing to do! Obviously he knows that he has alienated his supporters because he makes his own laws and bows to perverts and fringe groups. What we must understand is that this is a president who is desperate, so he's doing whatever he can to get support. As a result, the president is looking for anything that people are emotionally connected to so that he can play up to it in the hope of getting votes. We shouldn't punish minors who come here when their parents bring them — but at the same time, there is a legal way to do things, and this president doesn't seem to care about doing things legally. Whatever he wants, he simply thinks he should get it without understanding you can't do anything any old way. **JOHN HEMPHILL, VIA E-MAIL**

Bush circumvented the legislature to start two unnecessary wars that not only jeopardized lives but actually cost thousands. **JOEY DAVIS, VIA E-MAIL**

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Horoscope

♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** You are entering a brief cycle that could prove successful both commercially and financially. You must take control of matters yourself.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Extra funds can be generated from two different sources, provided they do not overlap or compete with one another. Treat each situation differently.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Even if you can't explain your aspirations to others, respond to your urges to carry out something new that you've been considering. Onlookers can be filled in later, when you've completed your goal.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** Be open and friendly to everyone, even to those who make a poor first impression. There's a good chance you'll meet someone who has the potential to become a good friend.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** If there is something special you want to do, be patient and wait for just the right moment to make your move. Proper timing will spell the difference between success and failure.

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Something you've learned from past experience might be of immense value to you when it comes to outshining your competition. Methods that worked before can be valid again.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** Subdue the impulse to purchase something expensive when out shopping. If you really want the item, watch for it to go on sale in a few weeks instead of giving in to instant gratification.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** A partnership arrangement that you've recently entered into could end up producing long-lasting, favorable effects. Your secret is giving to others everything that you want for yourself.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Your luck in fulfilling an ambitious aim will be proportionate to the effort you expend to do so. You'll quickly discover that the harder your work, the luckier you'll become.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Don't be surprised if you find yourself in a new cycle that puts you in greater than usual demand. Now is the time to do all that you can to expand your circle of friends.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** The aspects promise to make this a very good day for you. Take advantage of as much as you can, and let it make up for any wasted efforts you may have experienced in the past.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** Ideas and concepts that you develop with others are earmarked for success. The secret is giving the other guy as much you would like to be given by others. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**

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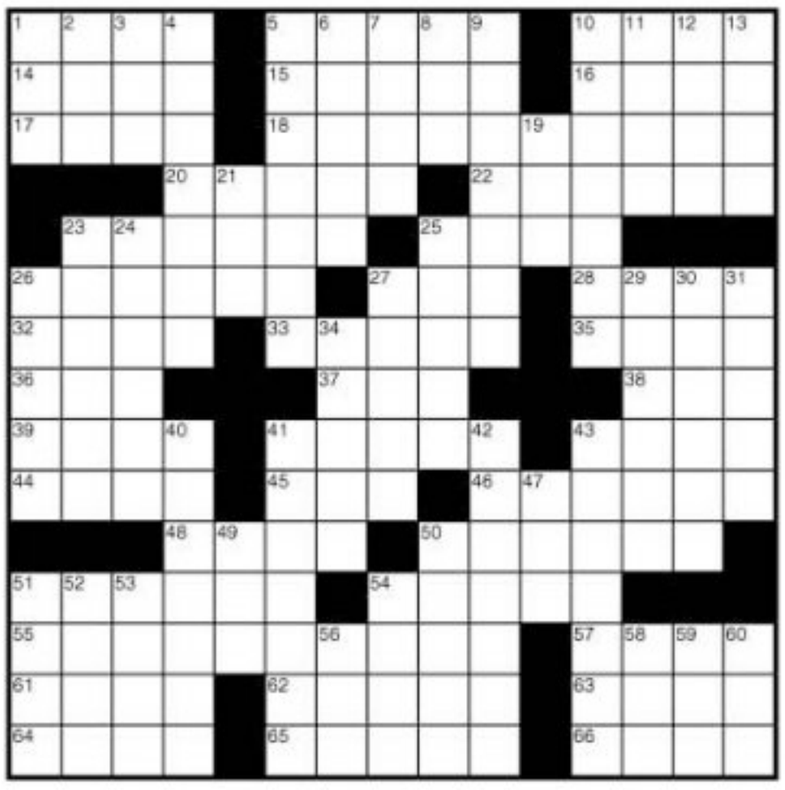

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SUDOKU **LEVEL: HARD**

Solution to yesterday's crossword

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- The island is rich in history, and it helps to be rich to enjoy it
- Make no mistake, though, we were able to find some real deals

Big bucks for Nantucket

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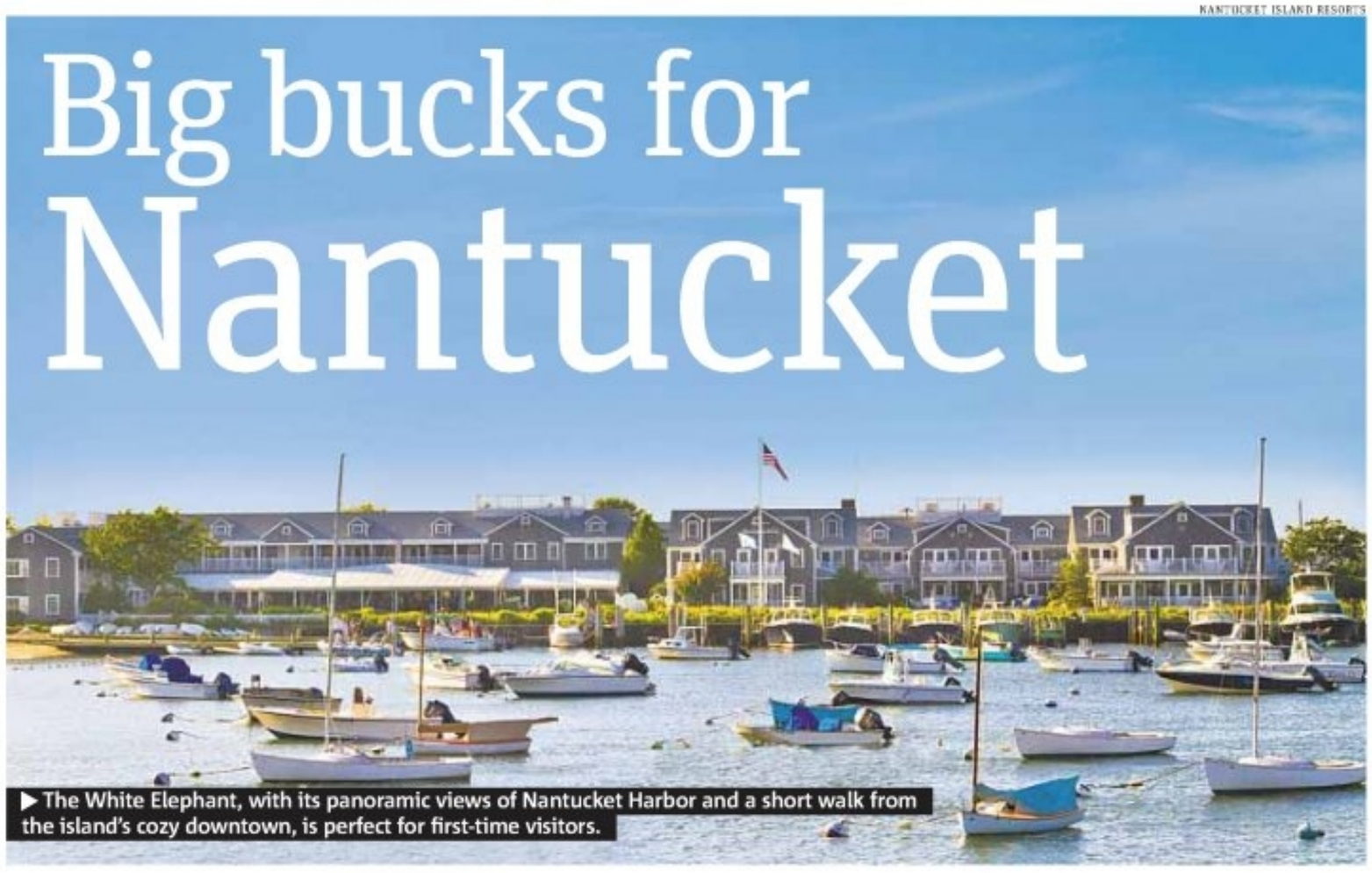

▶ The White Elephant, with its panoramic views of Nantucket Harbor and a short walk from the island's cozy downtown, is perfect for first-time visitors.

If lucky or determined enough to brunch at Nantucket's remote Wauwinet Inn, the lobster roll and Bloody Mary from the acclaimed Topper's Restaurant is exquisite and worth the $41.

It's not just that the lobster is mouthwatering and the Bloody Mary is the right blend of pepper, hot sauce and vodka — you really pay for the view of Nantucket Harbor from the island's eastern end, a scene that remains as close to the turn of the 20th century as any on the much-developed East Coast.

Rich in history that dates to a once-prominent whaling industry, Nantucket and its modern aversion to well, modernity, has captured the best of old New England. (The island's governing bodies have established among many local rules a prohibition on any chains with more than 14 stores, except that rascal Ralph Lauren, and tight restrictions on how building exteriors look.)

More than ever, the island has opened up for travelers to sneak in and take an extended peek — long weekend, anyone? Nonstop flights from New York City's JFK Airport and from Boston on JetBlue now fly daily. A second daily flight is being added this month.

The flights aren't the only good deals Nantucket yields. A resort empire consolidated in the last two decades from existing hotels and cottages on the island by a Boston-based real estate mogul now offers very advantageous "shoulder season" deals.

Quoted

"Each property is different. You can transform yourself, depending on where you stay."

KHALED HASHEM, MANAGING DIRECTOR OF NANTUCKET ISLAND RESORTS

Shoulder vs. peak prices

Nantucket's beauty might be more enjoyable in upper-70 temperatures, but the experience certainly isn't ruined by coats and pants. Plus, what you save on room rates, you can spend on lobster! Here's a comparison of high and low prices at Nantucket Island Resort properties. Take a look before you decide when to book!

- **White Elephant**
  Summer: $495 **Fall:** $195
- **Cottages and Lofts**
  Summer: $425 **Fall:** $175
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  Winter: $125
- **Wauwinet**
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  Residences:
  Summer: $950 **Fall:** $500
  Inn:
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Cannons' slate

Boston sits at 5-2 on the 2012 season. A look at the rest of their schedule:

- **Saturday, June 23** Cannons at Bayhawks, 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, July 7** Cannons at Nationals, 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, July 14** Cannons at Lizards, 7 p.m.
- **Thursday, July 19** Outlaws at Cannons, 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, July 28** Bayhawks at Cannons, 2 p.m.
- **Saturday, Aug. 4** Machine at Cannons, 7 p.m.
- **Saturday, Aug. 11** Cannons at Machine, 7 p.m.

Tickets for Cannons games at Harvard Stadium start at just $13.

Booming effect

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▶ Owen Smith, center, and the Boston Cannons lacrosse team take the field last weekend against Charlotte.

Most casual sports fans probably aren't even aware that the last professional sports team from the Boston area to win a championship wasn't the Boston Bruins last June but actually the Boston Cannons in August. They have a good chance to repeat as well this season after getting off to a solid start (5-2) in 2012 and it just so happens that Major League Lacrosse championship weekend is Aug. 25-26 in Allston, Mass., at Harvard Stadium — the Cannons' home turf.

One of the charter members of the now eight-team MLL, which was created in 2001, the Cannons have played in two other locations, Lowell's Cawley Stadium (2001-03) and Boston University's Nickerson Field (2004-06), before settling into Harvard Stadium in 2007. MLL survived a bleak period as 10 teams were contracted down to six in 2009 and two divisions/conferences were dropped into one catch-all grouping. However, two expansion teams were added this spring and now lacrosse is the fastest growing sport in the United States with three specific advantages over baseball, its main rival: it is fast-paced, high-scoring and full of action. In other words, it's highly appealing to children.

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The Cannons feature the best player in MLL: midfielder Paul Rabil.

Rabil leads the league in scoring with 38 points (15 goals including a pair of 2-point goals and 21 assists). You read that correctly: MLL features a 2-point goal for long distance shots (16 yards away from the net). Another innovation that has improved the product is a 60-second shot clock which helps to eradicate stalling (a major issue in high school and college lacrosse).

There are plenty of local players who either grew up in New England or attended college in the greater Boston area. Midfielder Mike Stone (15 goals, 4 assists) is a Middlebury alum and he's tied for the third-leading scorer on the team. Winchester native and midfielder J.J. Morrissey is third on the team in ground balls (23) while Brown alum and goalie Jordan Burke has started all seven games. Midfielder Jon Hayes went to Western New England College and defender Jack Reid was a main cog of the UMass-Amherst squad that made the NCAA title game in 2006.

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▶ Clemens and lawyer Rusty Hardin were all smiles yesterday.

Clemens' goal may fall short

◐ Legendary pitcher cleared of perjury charges ◐ But lasting stain will remain ◐ HOF eligible in 2013

Roger Clemens openly wept outside a Washington courthouse yesterday.

In his mind, he surely believes the whole steroids thing is over and his named is fully cleared. He's back on the fast-track to Cooperstown. After five long years, justice was served.

Now, Clemens goes back home to Houston with his HGH-using wife, Debbie, and it's a sure bet that her drug use will be brought up at some point while they chat around the kitchen table.

Clemens' lawyer, Rusty Hardin, spoke Monday of how it was a "beautiful, sunny" day for the crew. But there may not be many bright afternoons for "The Rocket" down the road. His ultimate goal is surely to get into the Hall of Fame, but voters will undoubtedly hesitate on voting for the former Red Sox, Blue Jays, Yankees and Astros pitcher due to the court of public opinion's decision on his steroid use many years ago. Clemens' name will appear on the HOF ballot for the first time next year.

Quoted

"I put a lot of hard work into that career ... I appreciate all of my teammates that came in."

ROGER CLEMENS, FIGHTING THROUGH TEARS YESTERDAY

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Stern may look to outlaw 'flopping' in the NBA

Some players, like former Indiana Pacers guard Reggie Miller, considered "flopping" an art form.

Many NBA fans consider it a crime and NBA commissioner David Stern may be leaning that way as well. Stern believes too many players are deceiving referees by purposely falling down in an attempt to draw a whistle. It happens in nearly every NBA game, typically when a player steps in to take a charge or a player falls to the ground when driving to the basket.

Stern is proposing "postgame analysis" in which a player would be penalized if he was determined to "flop." A day after the perceived "flop," the league would inform a certain player that he has been assigned "flopper status."

"No, I'm joking, but something like that," Stern told The Associated Press.

Celtics head coach Doc Rivers is part of the new league competition committee, who met Monday for a discussion on the "flopping" topic, among other things.

In other NBA news, disgraced former NBA referee Tim Donaghy was awarded $1.3 million in a lawsuit against the company that published his book. Donaghy said he was not paid by the now-defunct VTi Group for his 2010 book. METRO

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Sox clubhouse may be 'toxic'

ESPN's Buster Olney reported this week that the Red Sox clubhouse was "toxic" and that there was a general "unhappiness" among players.

"It doesn't take long to ascertain that the Red Sox are a splintered group, with a lot of players and staff unhappy for a lot of different reasons," Olney wrote. "If they do come back and make the playoffs, it's not going to be because of a united clubhouse. It's toxic – but that doesn't mean they can't win.

The unhappiness that exists among the Boston players and staff is multi-layered and deep. Calls and texts and complaints about daily events and exchanges are being sprayed all over the baseball landscape, as some involved share their frustration with friends and family and agents. Some are already talking about looking for work elsewhere down the road."

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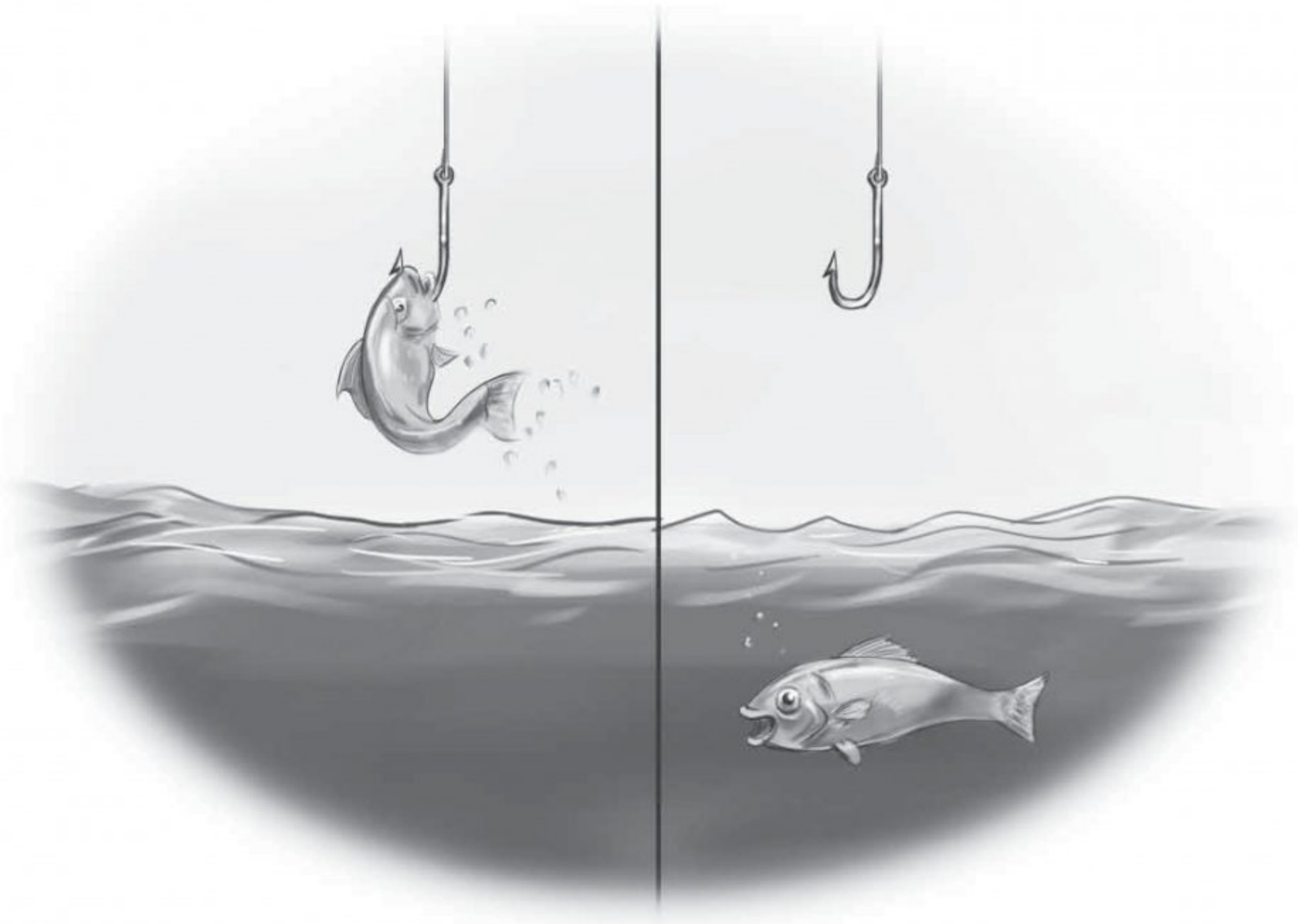

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